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Summary Information

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| Repository | Rare Books and Manuscripts |
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Biographical Note

John Hampden Holliday was born on May 31, 1846 to the Rev. William A. and Lucia Shaw Holliday in Indianapolis, Indiana, the fourth of five children. He attended North Western Christian University (now Butler University) and earned an A.B. from Hanover College in 1864. He served in the 100-day 137th Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry in the Civil War. He earned an A.M. degree from Hanover College in 1867. He was a journalist and in 1869, he founded the *Indianapolis News*. He married Evaline in 1876 and they had six children. In 1892, he retired from the newspaper due to ill health. Within a few months, he regained his health and founded the Union Trust Company, becoming its first president. He founded the *Indianapolis Press* in 1899, which was consolidated with the *Indianapolis News* in 1901. He resumed his position as president of the Union Trust in 1901, holding that position until 1916, when he became the chairman of the board of directors. He served as director of numerous financial and industrial corporations, was on the board of a number of charitable organizations and belonged to many organizations, including the Grand Army of the Republic and Phi Beta Kappa. He was the first president of the Society of Indiana Pioneers (his grandfather having been Samuel Holliday, an Indiana Territory pioneer) and was active in the Indiana Historical Society, which published his book, *Indianapolis and the Civil War* in 1911. He was awarded an honorary LL.D. by Wabash College in 1916. He and Evaline donated their estate to the City of Indianapolis, which became Holliday Park in 1929, after her death. He died on October 21, 1921. A number of streets in the northwest section of Indianapolis are named for him.

"Groome, Richard G.". (1994). Holliday, John Hampden. In *The Encyclopedia of Indianapolis*. (pp. 700-1). Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press. ISLI 977.201 M341Ien

"Holliday, John H.". 1850 United States Federal Census. Retrieved 2014/06/04. <http://archives.ancestry.com>

"Holliday, John H.". 1900 United States Federal Census. Retrieved 2014/06/04. <http://archives.ancestry.com>

"Holliday, John H.". Find a Grave Memorial. Retrieved 2014/06/04. <http://findagrave.com>

Scope and Contents

This collection includes autographed, signed letters, official documents and telegrams from Gov. Joseph A. Wright, Gov. Oliver P. Morton, Alexander Ramsey, William Henry Harrison Terrell, Richard Thompson, Mayor John Caven, John Coburn, J. P. Dunn and Ebenezer Dumont in Indianapolis, Indiana, excerpts from the *Western Sun*, and officials of the United States War Department ranging from 1850 to 1880 and undated regarding Indiana and Civil War soldiers and payments and other related business.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Accruals

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Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Indianapolis (Ind.)

Personal Name(s)

- Morton, Oliver P.
- Tipton, John, 1786-1839
- Wright, Joseph A.

Subject(s)

- Civil war
- Correspondence
- Financial statements